

## **STAINED GLASS BLOCK QUILTING**

Stained Glass Block quilting is a fast and easy way to accomplish a small lap quilt or crib quilt in a day. If you have never made a quilt before, this is a great place to start. If you are already a quilter, this is a great place to take a break and get a quick chunk of accomplishment. Stained Glass Block Quilts have a contemporary, geometric look. Your blocks can be 2" square or any multiple thereof. You'll notice the different sized blocks in the quilt below. Once you count your squares and plan your design, the rest is easy. Remember to 'Plan your work, then work your plan!'

### **SUPPLIES:**

- 1) A solid bottom piece in the size you want your quilt to be
- 2) The same size batting
- 3) the same size 2" gridded iron-on interfacing
- 4) 2 packages of ¼" iron on black bias tape
- 5) Assorted colors and patterns in cotton. Fat quarters are great for this part.
- 6) 2 Packages ¾" double fold bias tape for binding edges

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1) Begin by organizing 3 layers.
  - 1) Bottom Fabric (usually quilting cotton) with print side down
  - 2) polyester or cotton batting in the center
  - 3) 2" gridded iron on interfacing heat activated side face up on the top.
2. Arrange all your assorted cotton blocks to your liking using the 2" interfacing grid as a guide. Make sure that the pieces are set close together and avoid overlapping pieces or leaving large gaps. Try to line up the blocks exactly with the grid marks.



3. Use a quilting gun to hold all the layers together. Avoid punching the tab near a seam.



4. Now look at your blocked design as a north/south, east/west grid. Visualize the bias tape over each seam. You'll want to cut and press the short 'dead end' pieces in place and sew them down first. Sewing options may include a twin needle straight stitch to catch both sides of the tape at the same time or use a 6mm wide decorative stitch that will hold it in place on both sides and add a personal design element.



5. Steps four and five finish the "lead" part and quilt the blanket layers together at the same time. After the short dead ends are stitched down, go back to the table and place the longer bias strips in place making sure that they overlap the dead ends of the shorter ones. Press and stitch and continue to do this until all the edges have been "leaded" in.
6. Trim the outside edges to make sure that the three layers are even and then straight stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge through all layers.

7. It's time to sandwich the bias tape over the edges. You will first sew the top and bottom, and then go back and repeat the procedure on the two sides. Sew Bias tape to wrong side of quilt  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge.



8. Turn to front and press the remainder of the bias strip over onto the front side and pin. Topstitch in place using a decorative stitch.



9. Make sure you cut an extra 2" of bias tape on EACH END of the second sides. This is so that you can tuck in the bias tape at the end of the seam for a clean finish.
10. Enjoy your Stained Glass Block Quilt!